



Meeting Date: April 15, 2019

Agenda Item: 7c

Report No.: CC-19-45

Status: Public Hearing

Purpose: Selection of a Project for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant

Background Summary: On February 21st and March 4th, public meetings were held to gather input from citizens for usage of the 2019 CDBG grant. Many viable projects were suggested including:

- Storm water drainage improvements on 12th Avenue in the area of Duck and Duncan Streets including the flooding of the library parking lot.
- Storm water drainage improvements on Ridge Street between Admiral and Sherwood Streets.
- Sidewalks along Western from 6th Avenue to the OSU Campus and to bus stops.
- Repairs to streets in many areas across the City.
- Water and sewer lines in specific low income neighborhoods.
- Reinstatement of the down payment assistance program for low income home purchases.
- Use of vacated areas of town with existing infrastructure to construct low income housing and offer lease purchase options to homebuyers throughout the City.

Suggestions that would not qualify for the grant included a request to waive building fees for Habitat for Humanity housing.

The projects that are grant eligible, ready for construction, and have matching funds identified are:

1. Storm water drainage on 12th Avenue in the area of Duck and Duncan Streets including the flooding of the library parking lot;
2. Storm water drainage on Ridge Street between Admiral and Sherwood Streets.

The preliminary funding for the CDBG 2019 grant is in the amount of \$83,500. The total with the required 1:1 match is \$167,000.00; however, this number could change slightly with the final allocation from Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

Alternatives: The following alternatives are available:

1. Select the storm water drainage improvements along 12th Avenue in the area of Duck and Duncan Streets including the drainage of the Library parking lot.

2. Select the storm water drainage improvements on Ridge Street between Admiral and Sherwood Streets.
3. Select an alternative project suggested by citizens and identified by staff as eligible under the CDBG program.
4. Fund a combination of suggested projects.
5. Reject all suggested projects and ask staff to research alternative projects.
6. Decline the CDBG grant funds for 2019.

Recommendation: Staff recommends Alternative #1, storm water drainage improvements along 12th Avenue in the area of Duck and Duncan Streets including the drainage of the Library parking lot for the 2019 CDBG grant.

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